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A Word About Intelligence Community

1. INTRODUCTION - Deal with basic issues - rather than attempt country-by-country analysis.
2. Most troubles stem from Sino-Soviet Bloc policies -
No longer merely nationalistic - International
Communism has world-wide ambitions.
3. Some problems - - even if no international Communism - -
Nations emerging from colonial rule - - Africa, Cuba,
etc. - - but even these aggravated by Bloc's activities.

(off the record)

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4. General political posture of U.S.S.R. (Deal with china separately.)

- (a) Does not propose initiate general war - -
now.
- (b) Will it be more adventuresome now that it
has nuclear semi plenty?
Some division of thought here.
Stalin adventuresome in Korea - Berlin
before had nuclear bombs.
On balance believe Khrushchev will be
more active than in 1953-1958 period
but short of war.
- (c) Will emphasize the subversive type of
actions - Iraq - Capitalize on incompetence
of new countries to govern.
- (d) What about limited wars? Wars by Proxy
(as Korea).
- (e) Emphasis on secrecy - security (Geneva talks)
Hide weaknesses and permit surprises.

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5. Military posture of U.S.S.R.

Emphasis on -

- (a) Guided missiles.
- (b) Nuclear power.
- (c) Conventional weapons.
- (d) Nuclear subs?
- (e) Defense against air attack.

Are they ahead over-all? No.

Will there be a missile gap?

(Why did we do so little in missiles between 1943-1953?)

6. Industrial position - -

(Refer New Orleans speech)

G.N.P. - 45%

Put greater proportion of G.N.P. back into industrial capacity.

7. Will agriculture slow them down?

New lands.

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8. China - -

- (a) The alliance still strong with the U.S.S.R.
(Are there potential fissures?)
- (b) U.S.S.R. sensitive to communes.
- (c) Tibet.
- (d) Attitude toward Taiwan
(The Warsaw talks).

9. The Grave Issues

- (a) Berlin - Khrushchev's intentions - split Allies
and NATO - but compromise short of war.

East German regime - Ulbricht.

Keeping Berlin going as industrial city.

Berlin as cancer - vis-a-vis Satellites.

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(b) Middle East

Here Communist and old Imperialist Russian ambitions coincide.

Khrushchev's plan use Iraq and Kurds to split Middle East - move into heart of oil areas.

Iraq - is it Communist controlled?

Has Nasr broken with U.S.S.R. - with Communism?

The threat to Iran.

The future of Arab Nationalism.

(c) Quemoy and Taiwan

Will CHICOMS renew offensive?

(d) Latin America

Cuba and non-intervention - end of dictatorships.

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(e) Free democracies versus Communist-dominated Societies

Democracy requires education, experience, discipline and patience - Can't expect new societies of SEA - Africa, etc., to apply our standards.

Trend toward military autocracies -

Burma, Pakistan, Sudan, Indonesia, etc..

Headlong rush to freedom - in Black Africa

(f) Competition with U.S.S.R. for role of Economic Guide to Uncommitted World

The appeal of U.S.S.R. - In three decades from underdeveloped state to No. 2.

Yet we have great advantages - but legislative strings - annual Congressional battle - little ability to long-term planning hampers our effort.

European powers - England - Germany - France - Italy can play supporting role.

Long-term loans - Development Fund - best answer.

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(g) Meeting the Subversive Threat

The Communist Parties - Front organizations.

In general making progress - decline in

Communist parties - France - Italy.

Indonesia turning away.

But still long way to go.

(h) Disarmament - Reality or dream.

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11. Recapitulation:

Since fall of China - that is, for last nine years - on balance - international Communism has on balance made no net gains - (North Vietnam versus evacuation East Austria).

Free World on balance relatively stronger economically and politically -

U.S.S.R. has made gain in becoming great nuclear power - and in missile field - giving it strong blackmailing weapon (if we let them frighten us).

U.S.S.R. putting larger percentage its national product into national objectives - military and related fields.

Query whether we can safely continue put three times as much into consumer goods - luxury items - raising living standards, etc. -

We may have to tighten belts if U.S.S.R. continues its present national security policies.

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12. Finally - - You suggested that I give intelligence estimate for future:

1. The Free World can continue to maintain position of overall superiority:

(a) If it remains united and militarily prepared.

(b) (If it) refuses to retreat or compromise with international Communism.

(c) If it moves with assurance and speed in helping to deal with the economic problems of the uncommitted, underdeveloped world.

(d) If it succeeds in arousing the Free World to the nature of the international threat.

2. Some evolution in U.S.S.R. under education - - contacts - - growing demand for consumer goods.

Not hopeless that in decade or so - a different Russia will be there.